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1. AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL STATE AND COMMERCE HAVE RECON-
SIDERED QUESTION OF RADIOS' PARTICIPATION IN BERLIN
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE. ALTHOUGH WE QUITE
AGREE THAT CONTACTS BETWEEN RFE/RL PERSONNEL AND OFFICERS
FROM EE POSTS ARE QUITE USEFUL, WE DOUBT THAT BERLIN CON-
FERENCE IS APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR THIS PURPOSE. EVEN IF
DISCUSSION OF CLASSIFIED MATTER WERE NOT PROBLEM, WE SEE
TRADE PROMOTION AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT ORIENTATION OF
CONFERENCE TO BE BEYOND MAIN CONCERNS OF RADIOS. THIS
LEADS US AGAIN TO DECLINE PARTICIPATION OF RFE/RL
REPRESENTATIVES.

2. TO HELP MEET CONCERNS OF RADIOS FOR MORE FREQUENT
CONTACT WITH EE POSTS WE WILL RECOMMEND STRONGLY BEFORE
AND DURING CONFERENCE THAT ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL AND OTHER
OFFICERS FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN POSTS CONSULT WHENEVER
POSSIBLE IN MUNICH EN ROUTE TO POSTS OR DURING LEAVE. SAME
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